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Mr. Leo Cherne  
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Dear Leo:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your annual forecast. Based on your record last year, if I had any money laying around I would make some investments based on your prognostications.

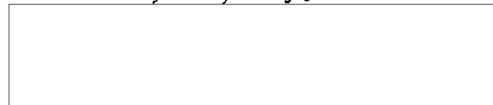
After reading your forecast, I must say that for the first time I can understand why Secretary Shultz feels depressed whenever he reads any of our material--it seems like the prognosis is a grim one. I was especially struck by your comments on education and your concerns small business, despite its creativity and vigor, cannot sustain an American world role. And your comments on Japan are a reminder beyond the work we do here of just how concerned we should be about that country.

Despite my impression of it as an overall gloomy speech, it clearly will sustain your reputation as a remarkably talented public speaker. I am sure your audience will be enthralled.

Thanks for sharing it with me and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

*Sincerely,*

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Robert M. Gates  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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